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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

MARS HILL CHURCH,

AMITE COUNTY, MISS.

October 12th and 14th---1861.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE.
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MINUTES

AMITE Co., Miss., October 12th, 1861.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day, pursuant to adjournment of last session, with the Mars Hill Church, Amite county, Miss.

Elder S. W. Bullock having died during the year, Elder Wm. Green, alternate, preached the introductory Sermon, at 11 o'clock, according to appointment, from Job, 7th ch. 16th verse.

After an hour's intermission, the Delegates composing the Association met in the House, and were called to order by Elder Z. Reeves, former Moderator; a hymn of praise was sung, and W. M. Stambaugh addressed a Throne of Grace in prayer.

Item 1. Elders M. S. Shirk and W. H. F. Edwards, were appointed Reading Clerks.

Item 2. Letters from the Churches were read and their statistics recorded, and the names of their Delegates enrolled. (See Table.)

Item 3. The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of Elder Z. Reeves as Moderator, and Elder H. McKnight as Clerk, Bre'n W. F. Cain and W. L. Johns, acting as Tellers.

Item 4. Ministering brethren of our faith and order, not members of the Association, were invited to seats, and to a participation in the deliberations of the Association, which invitation was accepted by Elders Wm. Clark and J. F. Cook.

Item 5. Elders E. R. Freeman and B. Crawford, were invited to preach at the Stand during the afternoon, which they consented to do.

Item 6. Leave of absence was granted Bros. W. M. Dawson and J. E. J. Hart.

Item 7. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Finance: Bre'n L. Perkins, D. H. Quin and K. R. Webb.

On Preaching: Bre'n S. M. Brian, W. F. Cain and S. E. McDonald.

On Order of Business: Elders W. Green and H. H. Thompson, and Bre'n S. M. Brian and W. F. Cain. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

ITEM 8. Letters from Corresponding Associations were called for and read as as follows:

From Pearl River Association: A package of Minutes, (the letter having been mislaid,) by the hands of Elders C. Magee and B. Crawford, Messengers from said body.

From Union Association: A letter and package of Minutes, by the hands of Elders E. R. Freeman, D. J. Brown S. G. Mullins, her Messengers.

From Strong River Association: A package of Minutes containing a letter of correspondence.

From Ebenezer Association: A letter and package of Minutes.

The Moderator extended to said Messengers the hand of fellowship, and invited them to seats.

ITEM 9. The following appointments were made by the Moderator:

To the Union Association: Elders T. J. Hudson and H. H. Thompson, as Messengers; Bro. Thompson to write the letter of correspondence.

To the Mississippi River Association: Elders W. M. Stambaugh and M. S. Shirk, as Messengers; Elder Shirk to write the letter.

To the Eastern La. Association: Bro. W. F. Cain as Messenger, and to write the letter.

To the Pearl River Association: On motion, Elders Z. Reeves and H. McKnight, were appointed Messengers; Elder McKnight to write the letter.

To the Ebenezer Association: Elders C. L. Oliver and H. H. Thompson, as Messengers; Elder H. McKnight to write the letter.

ITEM 10. The Committee on Preaching made the following report: That Elders J. F. Cook, S. G. Mullins, and W. Green, preach to-morrow, (Lord's Day,) in the order of their names; and that Elders D. J. Brown, E. R. Freeman, and C. Magee, preach on Monday, in the order of their names, which was received and adopted.

ITEM 11. On motion,

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up on to-morrow after the first sermon, to aid in paying the Missionary of this Association for his services during the past year.

ITEM 11. The following resolution, offered by Bro. D. H. Quin, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to receive donations for the purpose of procuring Testaments for the volunteers in the service of the country, and that said committee hold said donations subject to the action of this Association.

The Moderator appointed as said committee, Bre'n H. McKnight, D. H. Quin and M. S. Shirk.

ITEM 12. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee to receive donations for the purpose of procuring Testaments for volunteers in the service of the country, be instructed to provide Testaments for such volunteer companies as have been raised within the bounds of this Association as are destitute, and for the regiments to which such companies may be attached.

IEEM 13. On motion,

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up on Monday, to raise funds to purchase Testaments for the volunteers, and that Bre'n W. F. Cain and D. H. Quin, take up said collection.

ITEM 14. On motion, Bre'n M. S. Shirk, J. B. Quin and H. McKnight, were appointed a committee on obituaries.

ITEM 15. On motion, Elders W. Green, W. H. F. Edwards, Bre'n J. A. Jenkins and W. A. Young, were allowed leave of absence.

A meeting for prayer for the blessing of God upon our country, appointed for to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Elder M. S. Shirk.

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

A deeply devotional meeting was held at 9 o'clock in the morning. Many fervent prayers were offered to God on behalf of our beloved country. At 11 o'clock, Elder J. F. Cook preached an interesting and feeling sermon, from Romans, 8 c. and 28 v.

In the afternoon, Elder S. G. Mullins preached an able discourse from 17th John, 21st verse. The congregation was remarkably attentive. Elder W. Green closed the exercises with a few remarks, and by prayer.

MONDAY, October 14, 1861.

The Association assembled according to adjournment. Opened with singing, and prayer offered by Elder H. H. Thompson.

Item 1. The Committee on Order of Business, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the Roll.
2. Read the Rules of Decorum and powers of the Association.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Call for reports.
5. Call for corresponding letters.
6. Motions and resolutions.
7. Appointments.
8. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAIN, *Chairman.*

Item 2. The roll of Delegates was called.

Item 3. The rules of decorum and powers of the Association were read.

Item 4. The report of Bro. J. A. Jenkins, Treasurer of the Association, having been examined and approved by the Financial Committee, was read, and, on motion, the same was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Item 5. The report of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of the Missionary and Benevolent Funds, having been examined and approved by the Financial Committee, was received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Item 6. The report of the Financial Committee was received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Item 7. On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary, be printed with these Minutes. (See Appendix D.)

Item 7. The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read, and, on motion, the same was adopted. (See Appendix, Obituaries.)

Item 9. Elder S. S. Relyea, a Messenger from the Mississippi River Association, appeared and presented a letter from said Association. The letter was read, and Elder Relyea received the hand of fellowship from the Moderator, and was invited to a seat.

ITEM 10. The Standing Committee on Missions made a report, which was received and adopted. See Appendix, Missions.)

ITEM 11. The Committee on Queries made their report, which, after being amended, was, on motion, adopted. (See Appendix, Report on Queries.)

ITEM 12. The Brethren appointed to write letters to Corresponding Associations, presented their letters as follows:

To Pearl River Association: Elder H. McKnight presented his letter.

To the Mississippi River Association: Elder M. S. Shirk presented his letter.

To Union Association: Elder H. H. Thompson presented his letter.

To Ebenezer Association: Elder H. McKnight presented his letter.

To Eastern Louisiana Association: Bro W. F. Cain presented his letter.

Which several letters were read and adopted.

ITEM 13. On motion,

Resolved, That this Association offer correspondence with the Strong River Association, and that Messengers be appointed to represent us to said Association.

ITEM 14. The Moderator appointed Elders T. J. Hudson and J. A. Wroten, Messengers to the Strong River Association. Elder Hudson to write the Letter of Correspondence.

ITEM 15. The following Brethren were appointed a Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary, viz: Elder Wm. Green, Moses Jackson, Elder Z. Reeves, L. Perkins, W. L. Johns, W. P. Dodds, J. B. Quin, D. Perkins, H. S. Anderson, S. M. Brian, J. R. Jackson, G. P. Claughton, W. F. Cain, D. H. Quin, J. G. Morgan, G. F. Webb, C. C. Lea, K. R. Webb, W. A. Lane, D. B. Cain, J. L. Downs, J. W. Felder, R. E. Bates, Eld. H. McKnight, J. R. Cotton, B. F. Dixon, J. E. Ford, Elder W. M. Stambaugh.

ITEM 16. Bro. B. F. Cain offered the following resolution, which was seconded, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That this Association be represented by Delegates in the next meeting of the S. B. Sunday School Union, to be held at Helena, Arkansas, in November next.

ITEM 17. The following Brethren were appointed Delegates to attend the next meeting of the S. B. Sunday School Union, at Helena, Arkansas, viz:

Brethren W. F. Cain, J. B. Quin, D. H. Quin, and Elders M. S. Shirk, W. Green, W. H. F. Edwards and H. McKnight.

ITEM 18. On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of a preacher to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting, which resulted in the choice of Elder Z. Reeves to preach said sermon, and Elder H. McKnight as his alternate.

ITEM 19. On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have printed 1000 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting.

ITEM 20. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the friends and brethren of this community, for the kind manner in which they have entertained us during this meeting.

ITEM 21. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

ITEM 22. On motion,

Resolved, That Saturday before the first Lord's Day in November, be recommended to the Churches composing this Association, as a day to be devoted to fasting and prayer, in view of the state of our Confederacy, and the war that is being waged against us.

ITEM 23. On motion,

Resolved, That Corresponding Messengers of this Association be allowed one dollar per day, instead of two dollars per day, for their services.

ITEM 24. On motion, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this meeting, and that he receive fifteen dollars for his services.

ITEM 25. On motion, Percy's Creek Church, Wilkinson county, was appointed as the place of the next meeting of this body.

No further business appearing, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Percy's Creek Church, on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1862.

Prayer by Elder M. S. Shirk.

ZACHARIAH REEVES, *Moderator*.

H. M'KNIGHT, *Clerk*.

EXERCISES ON MONDAY.

Bro. D. J. Brown preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., an able and interesting sermon. Elder Z. Reeves closed with prayer.

The congregation was attentive, and, we trust, benefited by the truths proclaimed.

MINISTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.
Zachariah Reeves,	Liberty, Miss.
M. S. Shirk,	" "
H. McKnight,	" "
W. Green,	Fort Adams, Miss.
D. Eby,	" "
T. J. Hudson,	Brookhaven, Miss.
J. A. Wroten,	Meadville, "
E Young,	" "
Elihu McKay,	" "
Wm. Whitney,	Hamburg, "
C. L. Oliver,	Friendship, "
W. M. Stambaugh,	Jackson, La.
E. M. Tabor,	" "
H. H. Thompson,	Brookhaven, Miss.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

JAMES A. JENKINS,

In account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To balance on hand per last report, ...	$2 58
Am't contributed from the churches, ...	126 95
Amount additional collected from Holmesville Church, handed H. McKnight, ...	1 25
Total, ...	$130 78

The Treasurer prays allowance as follows:

By this am't paid Z. Reeves, Messenger,	8 days,		$16 00
" " " " C. L. Oliver,	"	4 days,	8 00
" " " " H. H. Thompson,	"	3 days,	6 00
" " " " W. Clark,	"	12 days,	24 00
" " " " J. A. Wroten,	"	7 days,	14 00
" " " " E. Young,	"	7 days,	14 00
" " " " Printing these Minutes, ...			57 50
" " " " For superintending and distributing same, ...			15 00
			$154 50

Amount charged, ...	$130 78
Amount allowed, ...	154 50
Balance due Treasurer, ...	$23 72

J. A. JENKINS, *Treasurer.*

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the above account, and find the same correct.

D. H. QUIN,
L. PERKINS,
K. R. WEBB.

APPENDIX B.

JAMES B. QUIN, *Treasurer Mis. and Ben't Funds,*
In account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To balance per last report, ...	$34 82
To am't rec'd Oct. 13, 1860—For Home Missions,	225 00
" " " " " Bible cause, ...	3 80
" " " " " Indian Missions,	36 00
" " " " " Foreign "	12 50
To individual pledges to Home Missions, ...	25 00
	$337 12

The Treasurer prays allowance as follows:

By this sum paid W. Hornbuckle, Indian Missions,	$36 00
" " " " W. H. F. Edwards, Missionary,	150 00
" " " " Same, "	125 00
" " " " Same, "	14 85
" " " " S. Thigpen, Education Society,	3 00
	$328 85

Amount charged, ...	$337 12
Amount allowed, ...	328 85
Balance on hand, ...	$8 27

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. QUIN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,
D. H. QUIN,
L. PERKINS,
K. R. WEBB,
Finance Committee.

APPENDIX C.

Report of the Committee on Finance on the Missionary and Benevolent Funds, in hand of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer:

Received October Session, 1861, as follows:

From N. Providence Church, Missions,		$2 50
" Ebenezer " "		4 80
" Gallilee " "		4 00
" Jackson Church, African Missions,		4 50
" " " Foreign "		12 50
" Fort Adams Church, Missions,		2 20
" Holmesville " "		2 00
" Percy's Creek " "		4 00
" Public collection on Sabbath,		16 90
		$53 40
Paid Elder W. H. F. Edwards,		36 90
Amount due African and Foreign Missions,		$17 00
Paid Bro. Edwards, from Liberty Church,		$8 75
" " " Bro. D. H. Quin's pledge,		25 00
" " " Bro. C. J. Bates' "		25 00
" " " Bro. Wm. Jenkins' "		55 00
Amount collected by Bro. Edwards,		$83 75

Paid Bro. Edwards the sum of $410; due him balance last year's salary $190; balance due on unpaid pledges for Missions in bounds of Association $217.

J. B. QUIN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

D. H. QUIN,
L. PERKINS,
R. R. WEBB,
Finance Committee.

APPENDIX D.

AMITE FEMALE SEMINARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board of Visitors would report: That the School under the control of Elder M. S. Shirk, continues to maintain its high position in the public mind as an Institution for the education of females. The teachers employed being able and efficient, the discipline excellent, and the course of study thorough and practical, it eminently deserves the high popularity to which it has attained. The untiring energy, perseverance and application, exhibited by the Principal from the commencement of the School, and which during the past year was not remitted, merits the highest praise and commendation.

The health of the Seminary has continued to be good, but few cases of sickness of a slight character occurring, and but one death, that of the amiable Miss Cox. This being the only death in the Institute from its establishment, a period of ten years, to the present time, is a fact which demonstrates the healthfulness of its location, and the excellency of the hygienic discipline of the School.

The Board has repeatedly visited the Seminary during the past Session—have had opportunity to observe its general management, and have been much pleased and gratified. The progress of the pupils has been uninterrupted and highly satisfactory. The last Examination, held on the 9th, 10th and 11th July, which was well attended, evinced this fact conclusively.

There has been but a small decrease in the number of pupils by withdrawals, notwithstanding the condition of the country.

The Proprietor designs making no change in the bill of charges, notwithstanding the advance in the prices of provisions. This is liberal and commendable.

The Board feel confident that this School will be conducted, as heretofore, efficiently, and that parents can find no better place in which to place their daughters to be educated, than the Amite Female Seminary, and would res-

pectfully urge upon the denomination, and the public generally, to sustain with a liberal patronage, this Institution of learning.

H. McKNIGHT, *Chairman.*
GEO. F. WEBB, *Secretary.*

W. M. STAMBAUGH, ZACHARIAH REEVES,
W. F. CAIN, B. F. DIXON,
J. E. FORD, W. L. JOHNS,
R. E. BATES, L. PERKINS.

APPENDIX E.

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report:

That since we last met in an Associational capacity, our Heavenly Father has seen good to remove by death, several valuable brethren and sisters, prominent among whom is our beloved Brother, Elder S. W. Bullock. His loss is deeply felt, as it leaves a void in Society, in his bereaved family, and in the pastorate. He was taken away in the prime of manhood, and in the midst of his usefulness. As a man, in all the varied relations of life, none was more highly esteemed. As a husband and father, he was tenderly affectionate. As a christian, he was most exemplary. As a minister of Jesus, he was sound in doctrine, and felicitous in the presentation of the truth.—We mourn his loss with those who are more deeply afflicted by this dispensation, yet would we bow with submission to the will of God.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. SHIRK, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX F

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions would report:

That at the last session of this body, they procured the services of Elder W. H. F. Edwards to labor as a Missionary in our bounds. He entered immediately upon the work, and continued for one year. During the year, he travelled over 3000 miles, visited 150 families, preached 136 sermons, and baptized 19. He also received eighteen others for baptism. While we know that Bro. Edwards has been faithful in his labors, and a successful Missionary, we feel that it will be impossible for your Committee, under existing circumstances, to continue a Missionary in the field during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAIN, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

The Committee appointed to report on the following Queries: 1st. "Is it according to Baptist usage, and according to Gospel order, for one Baptist Church to receive into fellowship an excluded member of another Church, without the excluded member first being restored to the fellowship of the Church excluding?" 2. "Is it according to Gospel order for a Church to grant a letter of dismission to a member when a difficulty exists between the applicant and a member of another Church?" would report as follows:

To the 1st Query the Committee say: It depends on the *nature* of the case. It has been the usage of Baptist Churches to do so in certain cases; and we think, in special cases, the Scriptures justify such a course. The 2d Query your Committee would answer in the affirmative, unless such difficulty be of a character requiring Gospel Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. GREEN, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1861.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	P. OFFICE.	Baptized	Recv'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Dismissed	Whites	Blacks	Total	Ministers	Copies of Minutes	Contributions	Time of Meeting.	PASTORS.
New Providence	S Gardner, J D McLain	Amite	Liberty	5					3	72	40	112		40	5 00	4	M S Shirk
Ebenezer	W L Johns, O R Johns, L Perkins	"	"														
East Fork	Z Reeves, H J Quin	"	"	14	2		2	1	5	105	69	174		65	7 00	1 & 3	M S Rhirk
Zion Hill	J J Cain, W R Jones	"	Zion Hill	3	10			1	1	85	28	113	1	50	7 00	2	Z Reeves
Shiloh				5		1		2	1	77	34	111		50	7 00	1	Z Reeves
Galilee	W H F Edwards	Wilkinson	Holly Retreat														
Hopewell	K R Webb, T J Scott	Amite	Centreville	3	2	2		1	3	59	34	93	1	40	6 00	2	W H F Edwards
Mars Hill	W F Cain, J A Jenkins	Franklin	Meadville														S G Mullins
Friendship, Pike co	W A Young, Z Reeves, Jr	Amite	Smithdale	1				1	2	49	5	54		50	7 00	3	Z Reeves
Ramah	E Young, J A Wroten	Pike	Summit	1	4			2	5	75	7	82		50	8 75	2	
Jackson	W M Stambaugh, S M Brian, A Mills	Franklin	Bogue Chitto	3	4					37	8	45		20	2 35		E Young
Mt Pleasant	W M Dawson, J E J Hart	E Feliciana	Jackson	17	3			3	2	79	170	249	1	40	4 50	*	W M Stambaugh
Liberty	H McKnight, M S Shirk, P S Gardner, W Z Lea	Pike	Bogue Chitto	4		1		3	1	49	10	59		30	4 85	4	C Magee
Mt Zion, Franklin	J M Cloy, D R Cain, H S Anderson	Amite	Liberty	1	4	2	2	2	8	164	66	230	2	50	8 00	1 & 3	H McKnight
Friendship, Frank	T D Oliver	Franklin	Meadville	13	6	3		4	4	134	24	158		75	8 00	4	Z Reeves
Spring Hill		"	Brookhaven							66	7	73		25	2 50	3	W East
Mt Zion, Copiah	T J Hudson, J W Pierce	"	Knoxville														
Bogue Chitto	J R Quin, J Walker,	Copiah	Bahala	3	2	4		1	2	92	10	102	1	50	5 00	4	T J Hudson
Mt Moriah	U Gill	Pike	Holmesville	4	4	1		6	8	110	39	149		60	4 75	1	C Magee
Sarepta	Thos Harris	"	Brookhaven			1			3	59	2	61		30	3 75	3	W H Bailey
Macedonia	I Smith, H H Thompson	Franklin	Union Church	4	3			2	4	38	15	53		20	3 00	3	H H Thompson
Percy's Creek	S E McDonald	Copiah	Brookhaven		1			1	1	61	7	68	3	25	4 00	1	H H Thompson
St Helena		Wilkinson	Percy's Creek	1					24	67	80	147		50	5 00	2 & 4	W Green
		St Helena, La	Darlington														
Woodville, Bethel		Wilkinson	Woodville														
Shady Grove	H Moak	Pike	Summit	2	2	1		2	2	69	5	65		30	5 00	3	
Fort Adams	W Green, J Glass, J Dorsay	Wilkinson	Fort Adams	6	4	2		1	9	102	101	203	2	50	3 00	1 & 3	W Green
Holmesville	D H Quin, D Walker	Pike	Holmesville		3				3	34	6	40		25	2 50		C Magee
Cold Springs		Wilkinson	Cold Springs														
Pioneer		"	Buffalo														
Union		Franklin															
Damascus	C L Oliver, R Byrd	"	Friendship	8	3			1	2	61	2	63	1	25	5 00	4	H H Thompson

Woodville, Bethel		Wilkinson...	Woodville...														
Shady Grove.....	H Moak.....	Pike.....	Summit	2	2	1	2	2	60	5	65	30	5	00	3		
Fort Adams.....	W Green, J Glass, J Dorsay.....	Wilkinson...	Fort Adams..	6	4	2	1	9	102	101	203	2	50	3	00	1 & 3	W Green.....
Holmesville.....	D H Quin, D Walker	Pike.....	Holmesville .		3			3	34	6	40		25	2	50		C Magee .....
Cold Springs.....		Wilkinson...	Cold Springs														
Pioneer.....		"	Buffalo.....														
Union		Franklin															
Damascus.....	C L Oliver, R Byrd.....	"	Friendship ..	8	3		1	2	61	2	63	1	25	5	00	4	H H Thompson.....
Mt Vernon.....	W Turner, S Prestridge.	Lawrence ...	Bogue Chitto	3	3		1	2	31		31		25	3	50	2	J A Wroten.....

*Every Sabbath.

MINUTES

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1862

PERCY'S CREEK CHURCH,
WILKINSON COUNTY, MISS., Oct. 11, 1862.

The Mississippi Baptist Association convened this day with the Percy's Creek Baptist Church.

Elder H. McKnight preached the introductory sermon. Text Dan. 1: 8: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat;" after which the Association proceeded to organize.

Bro. Z. Reeves, the Moderator, being absent, on motion, Eld. H. McKnight was called to preside as Moderator, and Eld. W. H. F. Edwards to act as clerk.

After the usual religious exercises the Association proceeded to business.

Bros. W. F. Cain and Levin Perkins were appointed Reading Clerks.

Bros. R. E. Bates, S. M. Brian and R. P. Butler were appointed Committee on Finance.

ITEM 1. Letters from the churches were called for, read and statistics minuted. After which the Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder H. McKnight, Moderator, and Elder W. H. F. Edwards, Clerk.

ITEM 2. Visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us and aid us in our deliberations.

ITEM 3. Bros. S. E. McDonald, J. S. Smith and L. Perkins were appointed a Committee on Preaching.

ITEM 4. The following named brethren were appointed on order of business: S. M. Brian, D. Eby, S. Jackson, W. Seal, L. Johns, and on motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added.

ITEM 5. Called for correspondence and received a letter and package of minutes from the Strong River Association by the hand of her messengers, Elders James Newman and Wm. Toler, to whom the right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator.

ITEM 6. Proceeded to appointed messengers to the differe associations with whom we correspond, as follows:

To the Union—Bros. W. Seal, T. J. Hudson, H. H. Thomp son, W. F. Cain and W. H. F. Edwards. Bro. Edwards t write.

To the Mississippi River—Bros. M. S. Shirk and S. E. M Donald. Bro. McDonald to write.

To the Pearl River—Bros. Z. Reeves, W. F. Cain and L McKnight. Bro. McKnight to write.

To the Ebenezer—C. L. Oliver, W. H. F. Edwards. Br Edwards to write.

To the Strong River—Bros. H. McKnight and W. F. Ca Bro. Cain to write.

ITEM 7. The Treasurer of the Association and the Treasurer o the benevolent fund, both being absent, Bro. S. O'Neil was ap pointed to act for the Treasurer of the Association, and Bro. W F. Cain to act for the Treasurer of the benevolent fund.

ITEM 8. Adjourned to meet after the expiration of thir minutes.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. L. Perkins.

ITEM 9. Called for reports. The Committee on Order Business presented their report, which was adopted. (See A pendix A.)

ITEM 10. Called for petitionary letters. The Summit Bap Church, presented a letter through her representative, W. F. C asking for admission into this body, which on examination found correct in the faith, and, on motion, was received, and delegate, W. F. Cain, was given the right hand of fellow by the Moderator.

Item 11. Called for reports. The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: On Sabbath, Elder James Newman to preach at eleven o'clock, and Elder W. H. F. Edwards to close. Agreed to.

Item 12 Called for corresponding letters. Bro. W. F. Cain presented his letter, which, on motion, was adopted, (with the necessary alterations,) as the letter of the Association to all her sister associations with whom we correspond.

Item 13. The chairman of the Testament Distributing Committee, appointed last year, presented his report, which, on motion, was received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Item 14. The report of the Board of Visitors to the Amite Female Seminary was presented and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Item 15. On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be requested to collect the amounts subscribed for the payment of the salary of Bro. Edwards, late missionary of this Association.

Item 16. The Treasurer of the benevolent fund presented his report, which was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Item 17. The Treasurer of the Association presented his report, which was approved. (See Appendix E.)

Item 18. The Finance Committee presented their report. Adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Item 19. On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have printed 800 copies of the Minutes of this Association, and that he be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of same, and receive the sum of $20 as a compensation therefor, and that he draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

Item 20. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association during the present session.

Item 21. On motion, the present Board of Visitors to the Amite Female Seminary was reappointed. (See Appendix G.)

Item 22. On motion, the Association proceeded to elect a minister to preach the introductory sermon at our next session, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. F. Cook, and Elder Z. Reeves as alternate. Bros. W. F. Cain and W. L. Johns acting as tellers.

Item 23. The Committee on Queries, consisting of Bros. S. N. Brian, W. L. Johns and W. Seal, reported that they have

had the following query from Fort Adams under consideration: "What is the difference between original sin and natural depravity?" and beg leave to answer that natural depravity is the effect of original sin. Agreed to.

ITEM 24. Mt. Zion Church, Copiah county, was chosen as the place for the next meeting of this body.

ITEM 25. Adjourned to meet with the Mt. Zion Church, Copiah county, eight miles northwest of Brookhaven, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October, 1863.

The business of the Association was conducted in peace and brotherly love, at the close of which, after singing an appropriate hymn and taking the parting hand, (to many of us, perhaps, for the last time.) Elder James Newman, of the Strong River Association, led in prayer, and thus closed the fifty-sixth anniversary of the Mississippi Baptist Association.

H. McKNIGHT, Moderator.

W. H. F. EDWARDS, Clerk.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The brethren appointed preached in the order of their names.

The prayer meeting at 10 o'clock was conducted by Elder Wm. Toler, after which Elder James Newman preached an able discourse from Luke, 7:50: "And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

After an intermission of an hour, Elder W. H. F. Edwards discoursed from 2 Cor., 5:10: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;" at the close of which much interest was manifested, and three persons came forward for prayer.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Reports.
4. Call for Corresponding Letters.
5. Motions and Resolutions.
6. Appointments.
7. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. BRIAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

TESTAMENT DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this Association to receive donations for the purpose of procuring testaments for the volunteers in the service of the country, offer the following report:

1. That they have received for said purpose the following sums, viz: By public collection last Association, $32.55; donation from Bro. D. H. Quin, for testaments to be distributed by himself, $6.25; from H. McKnight, sundry donations received by him prior to last Association, $2.25; from Sister Richmond, $1.00; from Ebenezer Church, $12.50; from Galilee Church,

$10.00; from Jackson Church, La., $10.00; from Fort Adams Church, $2.45; making a total of $77.

2. That in the month of November last they forwarded to Messrs. Graves, Marks & Co., $51, and ordered a supply of testaments to that amount. That they received from them about 400 copies, including 50 forwarded to Bro. D. H. Quin. The testaments so received, except the copies forwarded to Bro. D. H. Quin, were distributed by your committee to Captains Hurst's and Morgan's companies, of Amite county, Captain Lamkin's company, Pike county, and Captain Webb's company, of Franklin county, leaving about twelve surplus copies of the supply on hand.

3. That in the month of December last they forwarded the additional sum of $20 to the same house, and requested an additional supply of testaments. The letter containing this remittance was acknowledged to have been received by Messrs. Graves, Marks & Co. in the latter part of December, but your committee have never received the supply of testaments so ordered. Whether they were forwarded by Graves, Marks & Co. and lost in transportation, or whether they were prevented from forwarding them by the capture of Nashville by the Federal forces, your committee has not been able to ascertain. No blame is attached by your committee to said publishing house in the matter, but they believe that from one or the other of the causes mentioned may be attributed the non reception of the supply of testaments. There remains in the hands of your committee the sum of $6 which was retained to pay the freight upon testaments ordered from Nashville, the amount of which your committee has not yet ascertained. The few copies of testaments on hand your committe will distribute as opportunity offers.

Since the fall of Nashville no opportunity has presented itself of corresponding with Messrs. Graves, Marks & Co. upon the subject of the supply of testaments last ordered, but so soon as a suitable opportunity offers your committee will do so, and have no doubt that said house when it shall be able to resume business will speedily forward the testaments, if it has not already done so. In conclusion your committee can but hope and pray that the testaments distributed uder the sanction of this body among the brave volunteers of our country may lead some to become the soldiers of Christ, the Captain of salvation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McKNIGHT, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE AMITE FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Board of Visitors would report, that this school under the control of Elder M. S. Shirk has during the past year maintained its high character. The same corps of able teachers was retained. The same strict, yet parental, discipline maintained, and the same rigid and thorough course of instruction pursued. In all respects it has merited the esteem of the public and met the expectation of its patrons. During the year the number of pupils has been unexpectedly large, taking into view the pecuniary and political condition of the country. An evidence this of the hold this institution has upon the public confidence. The late examination gave universal satisfaction. The general progress of the pupils in their various studies was manifest.

The Board would with increased confidence continue to recommend this favorite seminary to the patronage of those having daughters or wards to educate, believing that no better or more suitable place can be found for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McKNIGHT, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

JAMES B. QUIN, T. M. B. F.—

In account with the Mississippi Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer charges himself with the following sums, viz:

By balance on hand as per last report	$8 8 27
Amount received for Foreign and African missions	17 00
Total	$25 27

Your Treasurer has made no disbursements since your last meeting on account of the state of the country, and the impossibility of transmitting money abroad. As the above amount is for Foreign missions, your Treasurer thought it most prudent to retain it until the opportunity offers for transmitting to its proper destination.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. QUIN, T. M. B. F.

APPENDIX E.

J. A. JENKINS, T. M. B. A.—

In account with the same.

Charges himself as follows:

To amount sent up by the churches this session.....$138 00

Cr.

By amount due Treasurer as per last report..	$ 23 72	
For printing these minutes.....	100 00	
For superintending and distributing the same	20 00	$143 72
Balance due Treasurer.....		$ 5 72

Respectfully submitted.

We, the undersigned, Committee on Finance, have examined the account and find it correct.

S. M. BRIAN,
R. E. BATES,
R. P. BUTLER.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

On the Missionary and Benevolent Fund received this session as follows:

Ebenezer Church, Home mission			$ 35 00
Gallilee Church,	"	"	45 00
Jackson Church,	"	"	5 00
Liberty Church,	"	"	22 00
Total			$107 00

Cr.

By amount paid Elder W. H. F. Edwards on amount due him as missionary $107 00

Respectfully submitted.

S. M. BRIAN,
R. E. BATES,
R. P. BUTLER.

APPENDIX G.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

The following brethren were appointed as Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary for the ensuing year, viz.: Elder Wm. Green, Hon. Moses Jackson, Elder Z. Reeves, L. Perkins, W. L. Johns, W. P. Dodds, J. B. Quin, D. Perkins, H. S. Anderson, S. M. Brian, J. R. Jackson, G. P. Claughton, W. F. Cain, D. H. Quin, J. G. Morgan, G. F. Webb, C. C. Lee, K. R. Webb, W. A. Lane, D. B. Cain, J. L. Downs, J. W. Felder, R. E. Bates, Elder H. McKnight, J. R. Cotton, B. F. Dixon, J. E. Ford and Elder W. M. Stambaugh.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	P. OFFICE.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Dismissed	Whites	Blacks	Total	Ministers	Copies of Minutes	Contributions	Time of Meeting	PASTORS.
New Providence	Letter	Amite	Liberty					4	3	64	38	102		40	$8 00	4	M. S. Stark
Ebenezer	W. L. Johns, Levin Perkins	"	"					5	5	99	66	165		50	15 00	1&3	M. S. Stark
East Fork	Letter	"	"			1		5	5	78	27	105	1	50	5 00	2	Z. Reeve
Zion Hill	Samuel O'neil, R. P. Butler	"	Zion Hill					3	1	76	33	109		50	5 00	1	Z. Reeve
Shiloh	Not represented	Wilkinson	Holly Retreat														
Galilee	W. H. F. Edwards, Stephen Jackson	Amite	Centreville		2			4		73	36	109	1	40	8 00	2	W. H. F. Edwards.
Hopewell	Letter	Franklin	Meadville					2	3	43	26	69			5 00	3	S. G. Mullins
Mars Hill	J. J. Smart	Amite	Smithdale		3			1	3	48	5	53			5 00	3	Z. Reeves.
Friendship, Pike co	W. A. Young	Pike	Summit	4	1			2		75	10	85		40	5 50		C. Magee
Ramah	Not represented	Franklin	Bogue Chitto														
Jackson	S. M. Brian	E. Feliciana, La	Jackson					1	8	70	170	240	1	50	5 00	2	
Mt. Pleasant	Not represented	Pike	Bogue Chitto														
Liberty	H. McKnight	Amite	Liberty	1	2	1	1	5		16	67	224	2	50	8 00	1&3	H. McKnight
Mt Zion, Franklin	R. E. Bates	Franklin	Meadville	2	3	2		7	3	128	23	151		50	8 00	4	Z. Reeves.
Friendship, Frank	Not represented	"	Brookhaven														
Spring Hill	Letter	"	Knoxville	3		2	1	4	5	27	7	34		20	6 00	3	S. Bufkin
Mt. Zion, Copiah	J. W. Pearce	Copiah	Brookhaven	8				6		94	10	104	1	50	5 00	4	T. J. Hudson
Bogue Chitto	Letter	Pike	Holmesville	2	1			7		106	38	144		50	10 00	1	
Mt. Moriah	James Hall	"	Brookhaven	1	3					63	2	65		3	5 00	3	W. H. Bayley
Sarepta	Not represented	Franklin	Union Church										3	20	2 50		
Macedonia		Copiah	Brookhaven	5				2	4	60	70	67	3	2	2 50	1	T. J. Hudson
Percy's Creek	S. E. McDonald	Wilkinson	Percy's Creek	1					1	67	80	147		20	5 25		D. Eby
St. Helena	Not represented	St. Helena	Darlington														
Woodville Bethel	Letter	Wilkinson	Woodville							27	34	61			5 00	3	

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Shady Grove...	Letter	Pike	Summit	1	..	..	..	1	59	6	65	..	..	5	00	2	J. B. Lewis
Fort Adams.....	D. Eby, J. C. Glass	Wilkinson	Fort Adams....	3	4	1	..	1	10	98	101	199	..	25	4	50	D. Eby
Holmesville.....	Not represented	Pike	Holmesville....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cold Springs.....	Not represented	Wilkinson	Cold Springs....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pioneer.....	Not represented	"	Buffalo.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Union.....	W. Seal	Franklin	Hamburg.....	22	2	..	..	1	1	51	19	70	..	30	5	00	2 &4	S. Buffkin
Damascus.....	Not represented	"	Friendship.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mt. Vernon.....	Not represented	Lawrence	Bogue Chitto....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Summit.....	W. F. Cain	Pike	Summit.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	13	..	13	2	25	5	00	1 &3	J. F. Cook

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MINUTES

1863

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association.

COPIAH COUNTY, MISS., October 10th, 1863.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day with the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Copiah county, Miss.

Elder J. F. Cook preached the Introductory Sermon; text, Matt. XXVII, 18, 19 and 20th verses: "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen."

After an intermission of half an hour, the delegates from the Churches assembled. The former Moderator, Elder H. McKnight being absent, on motion, Elder Z. Reeves was called upon to preside Moderator *pro tem*. After singing, and prayer by the Moderator, Association proceeded to business.

Brethren J. B. Quin and J. F. Cook were appointed Reading Clerks. Bros. D. H. Quin, D. B. Cain and Wm. Guin were appointed a Committee of Finance.

ITEM 1. Letters from the Churches were called for, read, and statistics minuted. After which, the Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk; which resulted in the choice of Elder Z. Reeves as Moderator, and Elder W. H. F. Edwards Clerk. Bros. W. F. Cain and Wm. Guin acting as tellers.

ITEM 2. Ministering brethren of like faith and order were invited to take seats with us, and aid us in our deliberations. Elders J. B. Hamberlin, of the Army Mission, and E. L. Compere, of the Indian Mission, took seats with us.

ITEM 3. Brethren W. F. Cain, T. J. Hutson and R. E. Bates were appointed a Committee on Preaching.

ITEM 4. Called for Correspondence. Received a package of minutes from the Strong River Association, by the hand of her Messenger, Elder M. T. Conn. Also a letter from the Union Association, by

the hands of her Messengers, Elders E. R. Freeman and S. G. Mullins. Also a letter from the Pearl River Association, by the hand of her Messengers, [illegible] W. H. Bailey and E. Douglas. To all of whom the hand of friendship and welcome was extended.

ITEM [illegible] proceeded to appoint Messengers to the different Associations with [illegible] we correspond, as follows:

To the Union—Elders Wm. East, T. J. Hutson and J. F. Cook. Bro. Cook to write.

To the Pearl River—Elders Z. Reeves, J. F. Cook, and Bro. W. F. Cain. Bro. Cain to write.

To the Strong River—Elder W. H. F. Edwards and Bro. R. E. Bates. Bro. Bates to write.

To the Mississippi River—Bros. H. Lee, D. Perkins and W. H. F. Edwards. Bro. Edwards to write.

To the Ebenezer—Bros. D. H. Quin, M. Cole and W. H. F. Edwards. Bro. Quin to write.

To the Eastern Louisiana—Bros. W. Z. Lee and J. B. Winn. Bro. Winn to write.

ITEM 6. On motion, the order of business of last year, with the necessary additions, was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

ITEM 7. The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Elder Wm. H. Bailey to preach this evening; on Sabbath, Elder Z. Reeves to preach at 10 o'clock, Elder J. B. Hamberlin to follow, and Elder M. T. Conn to preach in the evening. Adopted.

ITEM 8. Called for petitionary letters; when the New Hope Baptist Church, Franklin county, asked admission into this body, through her delegate, B. F. Zumbro, and being found true in the faith, said Church was, on motion, received as a member of this body, and her delegate was given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

ITEM 9. The query from Damascus Church was taken up, and, on motion, a committee was appointed to draft an answer, consisting of Elder J. F. Cook and Bros. W. F. Cain and J. B. Quin.

ITEM 10. Elder J. B. Hamberlin was given an opportunity of bringing the subject of Army Missions before this body, which he did in a most happy and effective manner. After which, on motion, it was resolved to take up a collection on Sabbath in aid of said mission, at the conclusion of Bro. Hamberlin's sermon.

ITEM 11. The Committee on Query from Damascus Church, would beg leave to report that they have had said query under consideration, which reads as follows:

> Is it right to receive a member in full fellowship with us, who came from another State, without a letter? They say that they were members in full fellowship with a Church of the same faith and order, but we have no proof of it, except their own say so.

Your Committee answer as follows: Do not receive such member unless he can get some corroborating testimony, either by letter or certificate.

J. F. COOK, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

ITEM 12. On motion, a committee was appointed to report on Army and Domestic Missions, consisting of Bros. W. F. Cain, D. H. Quin,

D. Perkins, J. F. Cook and, on motion, the Moderator was added to the committee.

ITEM 13. On motion, Bros. J. B. Winn and Thos. Harrell were excused from a further attendance during the session.

ITEM 14. On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning [illegible] o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Mullens.

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SABBATH EXERCISES.

The brethren appointed preached in the order of their names. Elder Z. Reeves preached a very practical discourse, from Titus II:14. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." After which, Elder J. B. Hamberlin discoursed to the great satisfaction of the brethren, from Matthew III:2: "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." At the conclusion of which, a collection was taken up in aid of Army Missions, amounting to $216 50. After an intermission of one hour, the congregation reassembled, and listened attentively to a warm discourse from Elder M. T. Conn; text, 2d Cor., 1:6: "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ." The congregation was large and attentive, and we trust that the seed sown may produce abundant fruit to the honor and glory of God.

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MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, October 12th.

The Association met according to adjournment. The meeting was opened by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder B. Hamberlin.

After which, the Association proceeded to business.

ITEM 1. The roll was called and absentees noted.

ITEM 2. On motion, the rules of decorum were read.

ITEM 3. Reports were called for; when the Chairman of the Committee on Army and Domestic Missions presented their report, which was read and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

ITEM 4. In accordance with the above report, proceeded to appoint delegates to meet with our brethren from other parts of the State, in a meeting to assemble at Hillsboro, Scott county, on Friday before the first Sabbath in December next, to take into consideration the most effective way of supplying our army with the bread of life. The following brethren are appointed to attend that meeting, viz: Elders J. F. Cook, Wm. East, W. H. F. Edwards, and Bros. J. B. Quin, W. F. Cain, R. E. Bates, D. H. Quin and B. F. Zumbro.

ITEM 5. Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Elder E. L. Compere to preach this morning, and Elder S. G. Mullens to close the services of the day.

Jacob Curtis

ITEM 6. The report of the Treasurer of the Mission and Benevolent Fund was presented, and, on motion, adopted. (See Appendix C)

ITEM 7. The Committee of Finance presented their report. Adopted. (See Appendix D)

ITEM 8. The Treasurer of the Association presented his report. Adopted. (See Appendix E)

ITEM 9. The brethren appointed to write letters of correspondence presented their letters, all of which were severally adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted. On motion of Bro. W. F. Cain:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to collect and file the minutes of this Association, from the year 1847 until such time as the Association may deem proper to have them published in book form.

The Committee consists of Bros. S. Jackson, W. F. Cain and Z. Reeves.

On motion of Bro. D. H. Quin:

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this Association to the Church and people of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the session of this body.

On motion of Bro. R. E. Bates:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Churches to set apart the first Friday in December next as a day of fasting and prayer.

On motion of Bro. D. H. Quin:

Resolved, That this Association do most earnestly recommend the Churches to meet on the first Lord's day in every month, at 10 o'clock, to offer up special prayer for the success of our cause and the spiritual welfare of our armies.

On motion of Bro. W. F. Cain:

Resolved, That we recommend the Baptist Banner, a paper published and edited by Elder A. C. Dayton, Atlanta, Ga., as a faithful exponent of Baptist principles.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have printed _____ copies of the Minutes of this Association, and that he be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and that he be allowed twenty-five dollars and his necessary expenses in securing the publication of the same, and that he draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk, for the able and faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of the same.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of a minister to preach the next annual sermon, which resulted in the choice of Elder Z. Reeves, and Elder W. H. F. Edwards his alternate.

On motion, proceeded to choose the place of our next meeting, which resulted in the choice of Union Church.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Union Baptist Church, Franklin county, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October, 1864.

W. H. F. EDWARDS, Clerk. Z. REEVES, Moderator.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll.
2. Call for queries.
3. Read the rules of decorum and powers of the Association.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for reports.
6. Call for corresponding letters.
7. Motions and resolutions.
8. Appointments.
9. Adjournment.

APPENDIX B.

James B. Quin, Treasurer of the Missionary and Benevolent Fund, in account with the Mississippi Association, reports as follows:

Amount on hand as per last report, Foreign and African Missions, $25

Pledges for Home Missions, collected by Elder W. H. F. Edwards, as follows: W. F. Cain, $25; R. E. Bates, $25; L. L. Lea, $25; S. M. Brian, $20; total, $95; which amount pays the balance due Bro. Edwards for past services as Missionary.

JAMES B. QUIN, Treasurer.

APPENDIX C.

The Committee on Home and Army Missions would recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of this body:

1st. *Resolved*, That we deem it the duty of the Baptists of Mississippi to co-operate in the work of Missions, and of Bible and tract distribution in our army especially, and among our people where needed.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we appoint delegates to attend the mass meeting of the Baptists of Mississippi, called to meet at Hillsboro, Scott county, on Friday before the first Sabbath in December next.

3rd. *Resolved*, That we recommend the delegates to that meeting to work in the Mississippi Bible and Colporteur Society; or, if that is not suitable, to organize some other body which may suit our brethren, and which may develope, concentrate and direct our resources and efforts in this State, in carrying out the great commission.

4th. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Churches of this Association to raise

funds and to send delegates with their funds to the meeting at Hillsboro, and that we recommend the Churches throughout the State to do the same.

5th. *Resolved*, That we recommend that body to be organized so as to allow its membership to be made by messengers or delegates sent direct from the Churches only, and without any money basis of representation.

Respectfully submitted. W. F. CAIN, Chairman.

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APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Received for Army Missions this session, as follows:

Hopewell Church	$ 73 50
Collection on Sabbath	216 50
Total	$290 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. QUIN,
D. B. CAIN,
WM. GUN, } Committee.

On motion of Bro. D. H. Quin, the above amount was paid over to Elder J. B. Hamberlin, Army Mission Agent.

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APPENDIX E.

J. A. Jenkins, Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Association, in account with the same, charges himself as follows:

To amount sent up by the Churches	$380 00
Creditor.	
By amount due Treasurer as per last report	5 72
Paid Elder T. J. Hutson	4 00
Balance on hand	$370 28

J. A. JENKINS, Treasurer.

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APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Died, March 25th, 1863, near Richmond, Va., Elder H. H. THOMPSON, in the 26th year of his age. He united with the Macedonia Baptist Church, Copiah county, Miss., at the age of seventeen, was licensed by the same Church to exercise his gifts the year following, and was ordained to the work of the ministry by said Church in his twentieth year. At the call of his country he volunteered in her defence, and fell a sacrifice to her cause. He leaves a wife and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss. We drop the sympathizing tear with them in this the time of their

Pioneer	Not Represented													
Union	T. Wharton, J. F. Long	Franklin	Hamburg	17	4		3		63	26	89	30	31 00	
Damascus	James F Godbold	Franklin	Friendship	8	2	3	1	12	5	59	2	61	15	10 00	4th
Mt Vernon	Wilson Turner, Wm. Burt	Lawrence	Big Chito	6	2			1	2	1	38		30	11 50	4th
Summit	J. F. Cook, Wm. F. Cain	Pike	Summit		1						13	1	20	10 00	1st and 3rd
New Hope	B. F. Zumbro	Franklin	Meadville	14	4	1	1	4	2	1	18				

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MINUTES

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association.

SUMMIT CHURCH, PIKE COUNTY, MISS., Oct. 8, 1864.

The Association assembled this day with the Summit Baptist Church, the place of meeting having been changed by mutual consent from Union Church, Franklin county, the former being too near the enemies lines.

In consequence of raids of the enemy said to be approaching this place, and expected here in a few hours, the annual sermon was dispensed with.

The Moderator being absent, on motion, Elder J. F. Cook was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and, after the customary religious exercises, the Association proceeded to business.

Elder S. J. Mullins and J. G. Lothrop were appointed Reading Clerks, and R. E. Bates, K. R. Webb and Jeremiah Walker a Committee of Finance.

ITEM 1. Letters from eleven Churches were read and statistics minuted; after which, the Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. R. Graves Moderator, and W. H. F. Edwards re-elected Clerk; Bros. R. E. Bates and W. H. F. Edwards acting as tellers.

ITEM 2. Called for corresponding letters. Received a letter from the Union Association by her Messenger, Elder S. G. Mullins; also, a letter and package of minutes from Pearl River Association, by her Messenger, Elder Wilson Clark. Elder Peter Turner was received as Messenger from the Mississippi River Association; to all of whom the hand of fellowship was extended.

ITEM 3. Appointed Bro. R. E. Bates Treasurer *pro tem.*

ITEM 4. Appointed Elder J. F. Cook and Bros. J. B. Quin and R. E. Bates a Committee on Preaching.

ITEM 5. Arranged correspondence with sister Associations.

Appointed to the Union—Elder W. H. F. Edwards and Bro. K. R. Webb.

To Pearl River—Elders Z. Reeves and W. H. F. Edwards.

To the Ebenezer—Elders E. Young and T. J. Hudson.

To Strong River—Elders H. McKnight, T. J. Hudson and Wm. East.

To the Mississippi River—Elders J. R. Graves and J. F. Cook.

ITEM 6. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of Minutes printed as the funds will allow, and he be allowed the usual compensation.

ITEM 7. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed, that should the funds in hand be unexpended by the 1st of January, 1865, that he deposit the same at the nearest depository for redemption in new issue.

ITEM 8. Bros. R. E. Bates, J. B. Quin and W. S. Horr were appointed a Committee on Queries.*

ITEM 9. Elder Z. Reeves was chosen to preach the next annual sermon, and W. H. F. Edwards his alternate; Bros. R. E. Bates and K. R. Webb acting as tellers.

ITEM 10. On motion, Holmesville, Pike county, Miss., was chosen as the place for the next meeting of this body.

ITEM 11. Appointed Elders J. R. Graves, J. F. Cook and Bro. D. H. Quin delegates to the Soldiers Bible and Missionary Union.

ITEM 12. The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Elder S. J. Mullins to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock; Elder Peter Turner at 3 o'clock, and Elder J. G. Lothrop close. Elder J. R. Graves to preach at early candle light.

ITEM 13. Appointed Elders J. R. Graves and J. F. Cook as Messengers to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Holmesville Baptist Church, Pike county, Miss., on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October, 1865.

Prayer by Bro. Mullins.

J. R. GRAVES, Moderator.

W. H. F. EDWARDS, Clerk.

*The Clerk has received no report.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The brethren appointed preached in the order of their names, to attentive congregations. The Lord blessed the word preached, and some were added to the membership of Summit Church.

[illegible] which resulted in the choice of Elder J. R. Graves Moderator, and W. H. F. Edwards re-elected Clerk; Bros. R. E. Bates and W. H. F. Edwards acting as tellers.

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ITEM 3. Appointed Bro. R. E. Bates Treasurer *pro tem.*

ITEM 4. Appointed Elder J. F. Cook and Bros. J. B. Quin and R. E. Bates a Committee on Preaching.

ITEM 5. Arranged correspondence with sister Associations.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Amount sent up by the Churches to the Soldiers Bible and Missionary Union, this year:

Mars Hill, $140 00; Mount Zion, (Franklin,) $630 00	$ 770 00
Zion Hill, $153 00; New Providence, $286 00	439 00
Liberty, $587 16; Galilee, $120 00; Hopewell, $88 00	795 16
Bogue Chitto, $38 00; Holmesville, $100 00	138 00
Summit, $178 00	178 00
Total	$2,320 16

Ebenezer, East Fork, and perhaps others, have contributed to the above object, but it is not known to the Clerk how much.

APPENDIX B.

The Treasurer of the Association charges himself with the following amounts:

On hand per last report	$370 28
Sent up by the Churches this session	471 50
Total	$841 78

J. A. JENKINS, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELLGATES.	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	Baptized.....	Rec. by Let'r.	Excluded ...	Restored.....	Dead.....	Dismissed ...	Whites.....	Blacks.....	Total.....	Ministers....	Copies of Minutes.....	Contributions.	Time of Meeting.
NewProvidence,	Letter.....	Amite.....	Liberty....	19	3		1		76	46	122		25	$ 25 00		4th
Ebenezer.....	.....	Amite.....	"													
East Fork.....	H. G. Quin.....	Amite.....	"	43	11	2	1	4	169	34	143	1	25	25 00		3rd
Zion Hill.....	Letter.....	Amite.....	"	73	5	3	5	5	7	137	46	183		40	40 00	2nd
Shiloh.....	.....	Wilkinson.	Mt.Ple'sant													1st
Gallilee.....	W. H. F. Edwards, T. M Mercer....	Amite.....	Centreville	26	1			5	1	85	47	182	1	20	25 00	
Hopewell.....	K. R. Webb, W. P. Dodd.....	Franklin...	Meadville..	19			1	1		62	27	89		20	20 00	2nd
Mars Hill.....	Letter.....	Amite.....	Smithdale .	44	7		1	1	3	93	14	107	1		30 00	
Friendship.....	M. Cole.....	Pike.....	Summit....			3			13	45	2	47		11	12 00	3rd
Ramah.....	.....	Franklin..	B'g'eChitto													
Jackson.....	Letter.....	E.Feliciana	Jackson..	31	2	1		1		66	199	265		20	20 00	
Mt. Pleasant...	James Price, Thomas Reaves.....	Pike.....	B'g'eChitto			1		2	3	39	9	48		20	20 00	2nd
Liberty.....	Letter.....	Amite.....	Liberty....	56		2		4		159	56	215	2	30	30 00	
Mt. Zion.....	R. E. Bates, D B. Cain, C. Young....	Franklin..	Summit ...	63	6	15	4	4	3	175	39	214		50	50 00	1st & 3rd
Friendship.....	.....	"	Brookh'ven													4th
Spring Hill....	.....	"	Brookh'v'n													
Mt Zion.....	H. A. Davis.....	Copiah....	Brookh'v'n	1	1	2	1	2	2	95	10	105	1	40	20 00	4th
Bogue Chitto..	Jeremiah Walker.....	Pike.....	Holm'sville	7	4		1		1	92	25	117		50	50 00	
Mt. Moriah....	W. S. Horr, Benj. Delanther.....	Pike.....	Holm'sville	25	1				2			86		20	20 00	
Sarepta.....	.....	Franklin..	Union C'h													
Macedonia.....	.....	Copiah....	Brookh'ven													
Percy's Creek..	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson	Percy's C'k													
St. Helena.....	Not Represented.....	St Helena.	Darlington.													
Woodville Bethel	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson,	Woodville..													
Shady Grove...	Henry Moke.....	Pike.....	Summit ...	1	1			1		56	9	65		20	20 00	3rd
Fort Adams....	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson,	Fort Adams													
Holmesville....	D. C Walker.....	Pike.....	Holm'sville	1	1			2		22	6	28		25	6 50	
Cold Springs...	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson,	ColdSpri'gs													
Pioneer.....	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson,	Buffalo....													
Union.....	.....	Franklin..	Hamburg...													
Damascus.....	.....	Franklin..	Friendship,													
Mt. Vernon....	Letter.....	Lawrence	B'g'eChitto	24	1			1		25		25			12 00	

Holmesville....	D. C Walker.....	Pike.....	Holm'sville	1	1			2	22	6	28	25	6 50		3rd
Cold Springs...	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson,	ColdSpri'gs												

Pioneer.....	Not Represented.....	Wilkinson,	Buffalo....												
Union.....	.....	Franklin ..	Hamburg...												
Damascus.....	.....	Franklin ..	Friendship,												
Mt. Vernon....	Lett'r.....	Lawrence..	B'g'eChitto	2	1			1	35		35		13 00		2nd
Summit,.....	J. R. Graves, J. F. Cook.....	Pike...	Summit ...	78	13	1	4		104	3	107		25 00		Every
New Hope.....	.....	Franklin ..	Meadville,..												

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MINUTES

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association.

HOLMESVILLE CHURCH, MISS., October 7th, 1865.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day with the Holmesville Church, Pike county, Miss., and was called to order by Elder J. R. Graves. The Clerk being absent, on motion, Bro. A. J. Everett was chosen Clerk *pro tem.*

Elder Z. Reeves having been elected at the last meeting of this body to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. W. H. F. Edwards as his alternate, both being absent, on motion of Bro. D. B. Cain, we have an Introductory Sermon.

On motion, Elder J. R. Graves preach the Introductory Sermon.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Graves, from 1st Tim., 3rd ch. and 15th verse.

After a recess of 45 minutes, the delegates from the Churches composing the Association assembled in the house, and were called to order by Elder J. R. Graves. Prayer by Elder Peter Turner.

ITEM 1. Elders M. S. Shirk and C. H. Otken were appointed Reading Clerks.

ITEM 2. Bros. R. W. Williams and Stephen Jackson were appointed as a Committee of Finance, the Treasurer added.

ITEM 3. Letters from the Churches were called for and read; the names of delegates enrolled, and their statistics minuted. (See statistical table.)

ITEM 4. The Association then organized by re-electing Elder J. R. Graves Moderator, and electing Bro. A. J. Everett Clerk; Bros. E. G. Wicker and D. B. Cain acting as tellers.

ITEM 5. Ministering brethren of our faith and order, and not members of the Association, were invited to seats and to a participation in the deliberations of the Association; which invitation was accepted by Elders C. H. Otken and Benj. Crawford, who came forward and were introduced to the Association.

ITEM 6. Bros. D. H. Quin, D. C. Walker, Z. Reeves, Jr., W. Z. Lea and Moses Jackson were appointed as a Committee on Preaching,

and Elder M. S. Shirk and Bros. D. B. Cain and James E. Lea as a Committee on the Order of Business.

ITEM 7. Committee on Preaching reports as follows, viz: Elder M. S. Shirk at the Baptist Church Saturday evening at candle light; on the Sabbath, Elder J. R. Graves, at the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock; Elder C. H. Otken at the same hour at the Methodist Church; Elder Peter Turner at the Baptist Church at candle light; Elder Benj. Crawford at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Church on Monday; Elder M. S. Shirk to close the services at the Baptist Church, which report was received and adopted.

ITEM 8. Elder Peter Turner was received as Messenger from the Mississippi River Association. No minutes, no letter of correspondence.

ITEM 9. Letters of correspondence from sister Associations were called for and read, as follows: Pearl River Association represented by her delegates, Elder Benj. Crawford and Bro. F. M. Quin, with a package of minutes.

ITEM 10. The following appointments were made by the Moderator:

To the Union Association—Bro. H. A. Davis as Messenger, and Elder M. S. Shirk to write the letter.

Pearl River Association—Elder J. R. Graves and Bro. M. J. Coney Messengers; Bro. M. Jones to write the letter.

Ebenezer Association—Elder J. R. Graves and Bro. D. H. Quin as Messengers; Bro. D. H. Quin to write.

Strong River Association—Elder J. R. Graves as Messenger, and Bro. J. A. Jenkins to write.

Mississippi River Association—Elder M. S. Shirk and Bro. A. J. Everett as Messengers, and Bro. J. Walker to write.

ITEM 11. Mt. Zion, Copiah county, Mt. Moriah, and Jackson Churches asks for letters of dismission from this Association.

On motion, Mt. Zion, Copiah county, Mt. Moriah and Jackson Churches receive letters of dismission from this Association.

ITEM 12. The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll of delegates.
2. Read rules of decorum and powers of Association.
3. Call for queries.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for reports.
6. Committee on obituaries.
7. Corresponding letters.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Appointments.
10. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, M. S. SHIRK, Chairman.

ITEM 13. Query from Friendship Church, Pike county:

When a Church has taken up a case and set it apart for the next regular Conference, has she a right to have it announced at any day previous that she will settle the case before the regular appointed time, without the consent of parties concerned, or rescinding her former act?

Query from Elder M. S. Shirk:

Are infants born into the world with sinful natures?

Elders M. S. Shirk, C. H. Otken, B. Crawford and Peter Turner appointed as a committee to report answers to said queries.

ITEM 14. Elder M. S. Shirk and Bro. H. S. Anderson appointed as a Committee on Obituaries.

ITEM 15. Bros. R. W. Williams and Stephen Jackson appointed as a Committee on Abstracts.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder M. S. Shirk.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The brethren appointed preached in the order of their appointment to a large concourse of people. May the word dispensed on that day be as bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered up many days hence.

MONDAY, October 9th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment. Opened with singing and prayer; prayer by Bro. Wharton.

On motion, the first item of the order of business was suspended, and the rules of decorum and powers of the Association were read by the Clerk.

ITEM 1. Called the roll of delegates; Bros. W. Z. Lea, M. Chance, J. Hart, R. A. Hart and D. B. Cain were absent.

ITEM 2. Bro. M. Jackson excused from further attendance on this Association.

ITEM 3. Bros. W. F. Cain, W. Z. Lea and Stephen Jackson, a Committee appointed at your annual meeting of this body held with the Mt. Zion Church, Copiah county, October, 1863, to collect and preserve a file of minutes of the Association up to that time, beg leave to report that they have collected and have on file a copy of minutes of this Association up to the year 1862. All of which is respectfully submitted, W. F. CAIN, Chairman.

On motion, Bro. W. F. Cain was appointed a committee of one to retain said file of minutes for the Association.

ITEM 4. The report of the Committee on Finance read, received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

ITEM 5. On motion, Bro. James A. Jenkins make a report of the funds passed through his hands, as Treasurer of this Association, for the years of 1863 and 1864.

Report of Bro. J. A. Jenkins, Treasurer of this Association, for the years of 1863 and 1864, read, received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

ITEM 6. Report of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, read, received and adopted, (See Appendix C.)

ITEM 7. Your Committee, appointed to report upon a query from Friendship Church, Pike county, beg leave to submit the following report: Your Committee take the ground that where charges are preferred against a brother, the Church has jurisdiction over the case, and not necessary to obtain the brother's consent to try the case. If the day is set apart for trial, and circumstances render it necessary to change the day of trial, it is due to the brother to notify him of said change. M. JACKSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and the Committee discharged. On motion, the report was amended by substituting the word no, and adopted. On motion, Elder J. R. Graves make remarks on the above query.

ITEM 8. Report of the Committee on the query from Elder M. S. Shirk read and received. On motion, the Committee be continued, and that they prepare their report at greater length.

On motion, Elders Z. Reeves and J. R. Graves be added to the Committee, and that the publication of these minutes be deferred for the report of said Committee.

ITEM 9. Report of Committee on Abstracts, called for, read, received and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

ITEM 10. Report of Committee on Obituaries called for, read, received and Committee discharged. On motion, the Committee was reappointed, to extend their report, the Clerk being added to the Committee.

ITEM 11. Corresponding letters called for and read. Bro. D. H. Quin presented his letter to the Ebenezer Association, which was read and adopted. Bro. J. A. Jenkins presented his letter to Strong River Association; read, received and adopted, with the amendment that the state of religion, &c., be inserted in all the letters of correspondence. Bro. H. A. Davis presented his letter to Union Association; read, received and adopted. Bro. M. Jones presented his letter to the Pearl River Association; read, received and adopted. Bro. J. Walker presented his letter to the Mississippi River Association; read and adopted.

ITEM 12. *Resolved*, That it is and ever has been the sense of this Association that all participation in or voluntary attendance on balls or parties for dancing, or card playing for amusement, or any other game of hazard or chance, is entirely incompatible with the christian character and profession; that they are sins against God and a reproach to the christian name, and as such merit the strictest discipline of our churches.

Read and adopted.

ITEM 13. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to collect statistics of our Association, and items of the lives and character of brethren in the ministry, and others who have at various periods of our history been prominent in the denomination, and report at our next annual meeting.

Read, received and adopted.

Elders Z. Reeves, M. S. Shirk, H. McKnight, and Bros. W. F. Cain and D. H. Quin were appointed as a committee to collect statistics. On motion, the Moderator was added to the committee.

ITEM 14. *Resolved*, That the interests of our denomination at large demand that our brother, Elder J. R. Graves, be placed in a position to exert the most extended influence in the promotion of the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom We

therefore urge the importance and necessity of his resuming the publication of his paper, the Tennessee Baptist, at the earliest practicable date, and we pledge to him our most hearty support.

Read, received and adopted.

ITEM 15. *Resolved*, That Bro. Stephen Jackson be appointed a committee of one to wait on Elder W. H. F. Edwards, the former Clerk of this Association, and procure the manuscripts of this Association for the years 1863 and 1864, and forward the same to Bro. A. J. Rivers, our present Clerk.

ITEM 16. *Resolved*, That we advise the Churches comprising this Association, at as early a day as may be deemed practicable, to organize their colored members into separate Churches wherever their numbers seem to justify it, and render them whatever assistance in directing their affairs and gospel administrations in their power.

Read, received and adopted.

ITEM 17. WHEREAS, The large and valuable property known as the Lauderdale Springs, has been donated by the Legislature of this State, for the purpose of erecting a home and school for the orphans of deceased and indigent soldiers of Mississippi, and an appeal is now made for the means to furnish the rooms for the reception of scholars, as well as to support the board and tuition of the same, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association cordially commend this enterprise to the Churches as praiseworthy and deserving of its most liberal support.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Churches to make an effort as soon as possible, to raise by voluntary contribution, funds sufficient to furnish one room in the building to bear the name of this Association, and to support one or more beneficiaries.

Resolved, That we the Messengers, will lay this matter before our respective Churches, and urge them to immediate efforts.

Read, received and adopted.

Resolved, That this body raise the money to furnish one room, and lay the matter before our respective Churches.

Read, received and adopted.

In compliance with the above resolution, the Association then raised seventy dollars by voluntary contribution.

ITEM 18. *Resolved*, That the funds left in the hands of the Treasurer, after defraying the expenses of the Association, be appropriated to the Orphans Home and School.

ITEM 19. On motion, all the funds in the hands of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of this Association, amounting to twenty-five and 27–100 dollars, be turned over to the Trustees of the Orphans Home and School.

ITEM 20. *Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to have eight hundred (800) copies of minutes printed and distributed, and that he receive twenty (20) dollars for superintending the same.

ITEM 21. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, friends and citizens of Holmesville and vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this Association during the present session.

ITEM 22. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

ITEM 23. *Resolved*, That the Moderator be directed to give Elder M. S. Snirk a letter of commendation to the brethren in Texas, or whithersoever he may travel.

ITEM 24. A vote taken upon the question as to the place of holding the next meeting of this body, which resulted in favor of Union Church, Franklin county, situated 14 miles west of Meadville.

ITEM 25. The Association then went into an election of a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of this body, which resulted in the election of Elder Z. Reeves, and Elders J. R. Graves and M. S. Shirk as his alternates.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Union Church, Franklin county, Miss., on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October, A. D. 1866.

J. R. GRAVES, Moderator.

A. J. EVERETT, Clerk.

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Jackson, La.—Reports an increase of 17, excluded 2. ... labors of Elder Peter Turner, on the second Sabbath and day before in each month.

Mt. Pleasant—Reports peace and prosperity. Accessions, 29 by baptism, 9 by letter, 2 restored, 2 excluded. Elder J. A. Wroten ministers on the fourth Sabbath.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report of money received for associational purposes, in the hands of Bro. James A Jenkins, Treasurer of said fund. The Treasurer received as follows:

New Providence, $10; Ebenezer, $12 20; Zion Hill, $25..	$ 47 20
Galilee, $15; Mars Hill, $20; Ramah, $3.....	38 00
Friendship, $5; Jackson, La., $18 50; Mt. Pleasant; $10...	33 50
Liberty, $15; Mt. Zion, $25; Friendship, Franklin Co., $5...	45 00
Spring Hill, $7; Bogue Chitto, $10; Mt. Moriah, $10.....	27 00
Sarepta, $5; Macedonia, $5; Shady Grove, $8.....	18 00
Holmesville, $3; Summit, $20; Union, $15.....	38 00
Damascus, $5; Mt. Vernon, $7; East Fork, $20.....	32 00
Mt. Zion, Copiah county, $10.....	10 00
	$288 70

The Treasurer prays allowance as follows:

Paid for printing these minutes.....	$200 00
For superintending the same.....	20 00

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN JACKSON,
R. W. WILLIAMS.

APPENDIX B.

James A. Jenkins, Treasurer, in account with the Mississippi Baptist Association:

Contributions sent up by the Churches in 1863.....$350 00
Contributions sent up by the Churches in 1864, was between three and five hundred dollars, all of [illegible] delegates or the Confederate money, which I kept on hand to pay [illegible] 1864, but, unfortunately, [illegible]

ITEM 23. *Resolved*, That the Moderator be directed to give Elder M. S. Shirk a letter of commendation to the brethren in Texas, or whithersoever he may travel.

ITEM 24. A vote taken upon the question as to the place of holding the next meeting of this body, which resulted in favor of Union Church, Franklin county, situated 14 miles west of Meadville.

APPENDIX C.

James B. Quin, Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Fund, in account with Mississippi Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer charges himself with the following sum:
To balance on hand as per last report, dated Oct. 11, 1862....$25 27

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 8th, 1865. JAMES B. QUIN, Treasurer.

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APPENDIX D.

ABSTRACTS OF CHURCH LETTERS.

The Committee on the abstract report of the state of the Churches composing the Mississippi Association, beg leave to submit the following report:

New Providence Church—Reports regular preaching on the fourth Sabbath and day before in each month. Is enjoying peace and harmony; has been blessed with revival influences. Received by baptism and letter 12, and excluded 4.

Ebenezer Church—Reports the state of feeling in the Church good. Accessions 4, exclusions 16. Enjoys the ministerial labors of Elder M. S. Shirk, on the third Sabbath and day before in each month.

Zion Hill—Expresses its thankfulness for the state of feeling that exists among its membership. Accessions 12, exclusions 9. Enjoys the faithful labors of Elder Z. Reeves.

Galilee.—This Church has continued a Sabbath School which is gradually increasing. Prays for more zeal in the Master's cause. Acknowledges itself blessed by the faithful labors of Elder M. S. Shirk, who is gradually building up the Church. Accessions none, exclusions 3.

Mars Hill—Reports a good state of feeling among its membership, and the strength of the Church constantly increasing. Enjoys the faithful labors of Elder Z. Reeves, on the third Sabbath and day before in each month. Accessions 11, excluded none.

Ramah—Reports no special revival. Enjoys the ministerial labors of Elder E. Young, on the first Sabbath in each month. Baptized 4, excluded none.

Friendship, Franklin county—Regrets that it cannot report the Church in as prosperous a condition as in former times; that error and irregularities among some of its members have greatly hindered its prosperity. Elder Wm. East its pastor. Accessions 15, excluded 1.

Jackson, La.—Reports an increase of 17, excluded 2. Enjoys the labors of Elder Peter Turner, on the second Sabbath and day before in each month.

Mt. Pleasant—Reports peace and prosperity. Accessions, 29 by baptism, 9 by letter, 2 restored, 2 excluded. Elder J. A. Wroten ministers on the fourth Sabbath.

Liberty—This Church was under the pastoral care of Elder H. McKnight until the month of June last, when he was compelled to resign the pastoral care of the Church, owing to the failure of his health. Elder M. S. Shirk ministers to it on the first and third Sabbath and day before in each month. Accessions by baptism and letter none, by restoration 2, excluded 5.

Mt. Zion, Copiah county—This Church regrets its coldness and lack of zeal in the Master's cause; enjoys the ministerial labors of Elder T. J. Hudson, on the fourth Sabbath and day before in each month. Accessions 12, excluded 3.

Friendship, Pike county—Reports that the love of many seem to have waxed cold, and many departing from first principles of religion, giving heed to seducing spirits, speaking lies in hypocrisy. Its congregations greatly diminished by the effects of the late war. Is ministered to irregularly, except on the fifth Sabbath, by Elder Z. Reeves. Accessions 3, exclusions 5.

Spring Hill—Reports a low state of religious feeling. Accessions none, exclusions one. Ministered to by S. Buffkin, on the third Sabbath and day before.

Summit Church—Reports peace and harmony; state of religious feeling good, and earnestly praying for revival influences. Elder J. F. Cook resigned the care of this Church in June last and returned to Kentucky. Elder J. R. Graves ministers to it as pastor. Accessions 2, exclusions 8. Days of meeting, on the first and third Sabbath in each month. Continues an interesting Sabbath School.

Macedonia—Reports peace, but no increase; no exclusions. Is ministered to by Elder Wm. East, on the first Sabbath and day before.

Shady Grove—Reports a lack of zeal, and earnestly desires a revival of religion in their midst. Is ministered to by Elder J. A. Wroten, on the third Sabbath and day before in each month. Accessions 1, exclusions 1.

Holmesville—Reports several valuable accessions during the past year. Ministered to by Elder J. R. Graves, on the second Sabbath in each month.

Sarepta—Reports several valuable accessions during the past year; that peace and harmony prevail among them. Accessions 25, exclusions 9. Enjoys the pastoral labors of Elder A. R. Lum, on the third Sabbath.

Bogue Chitto—Makes no report of the state of religion. Accessions 4, exclusions 3. Ministered to by Elder J. B. Lewis, on the first Sabbath and day before in each month.

Mt. Moriah—Reports a good state of religious feeling. Accessions 9, exclusions 2.

Union—Reports peace and harmony; but too great lukewarmness in the Master's cause. Ministered to by Elder S. Buffkin, on the fourth Sabbath and day before. Accessions 9, exclusions 10.

Damascus—Reports a precious revival. Fourteen accessions, four exclusions. Ministered to by Elder Wm. East, on the fourth Sabbath in each month.

Mt. Vernon—Mourns over its lukewarmness, but is thankful for the peace and harmony among its membership. Accessions none, excluded 1. Ministered to by Elder J. A. Wroten, on the second Sabbath and day before.

East Fork—Is blessed with uninterrupted peace and fellowship. Enjoys the pastoral labors of Elder Z. Reeves. Baptized 2, received by letter 12, excluded none.

Mt. Zion, Franklin county—Reports peace and harmony, and a good state of religious feeling. Accessions by baptism 8, by letter 7, excluded 4. Ministered to by Elder Z. Reeves, on the fourth Sabbath and day before.

It will be seen from this report that the state of religion among the churches generally is very gratifying; the number of accessions being 223, which is 171 in excess of those reported in 1862, while the exclusions amount to 91, an excess of 85 above that reported the same year, which is doubtless attributable to the demoralizing influences of a four years' war. Your Committee is impressed with the facts, gathered from the letters, that the additions have been principally whites, while the exclusions have been largely confined to the colored membership.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. WILLIAMS,
STEPHEN JACKSON.

Report of the committee on the query—"Are infants born into the world with sinful natures"—omitted for want of means.

CLERK.

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries would report:

That since our last associational meeting the Great Head of the Church has seen good to remove by death several [illegible] of great worth and efficiency in their respective Churches. It is due to the memory of those who have been long connected with our Zion—whose piety and zeal, whose efficiency, whose christian deportment, and whose godly lives have evidenced to the power of divine grace—that we record their virtues and commend them for the imitation of their brethren.

Such an one was Bro. CLAUGHTON. For more than thirty years he represented Galilee Church, Amite county, and subsequently, for three or four years, Union Church, Franklin county, in this body.

A man of strict integrity, and upright in all his business transactions, he was highly esteemed in every relation of life. As a neighbor, he was kind; as a friend, sincere; as a parent, affectionate; as a husband, devoted; as a disciple of Jesus, without reproach; as a deacon of the Church, he used his office well. His heart was in every good work. In him, his pastor had a friend; the younger members a guide; the older, a counsellor; and all, an example of wisdom and of practical religion. Bro. Claughton departed this life January 13th, 1863. With his bereaved family we sincerely condole.

Prominent, also, were Deacons LEWIS PERKINS, of Ebenezer Church, S. M. BRIAN, of Jackson Church, La., T. D. OLIVER, of Friendship, and J. THOMAS, of Holmesville Church, men of rare endowments, and peculiarly qualified by nature and by grace for the office which they filled. In their lives, model men, model christians and model church officers, their death was that of the saint who sweetly falls asleep on the bosom of his Saviour and awakes in glory.

Bro. CLEMENT C. LEA, also a Deacon of Ebenezer Church, was a young man of great promise and undoubted piety. He fell in his country's service, at Atlanta, Ga. His comrades in arms bear ample testimony to the purity of his life and the consistency of his christian character.

After these, we would name Brethren MATTHEW DUNN, who fell in the battle of Franklin, Tenn.; DALCHO PERKINS, THOS. J. ANDREWS, of Ebenezer Church; J. F. ROBINSON, of Galilee; Sister ELIZABETH CLOY, for more than forty years a consistent member of Mt. Zion Church, Franklin county, whose names are worthy of remembrance and record on our minutes. With the bereaved families of these dear brethren we would deeply sympathize, while we commend them all to the care of our Heavenly Father, who careth for them.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. SHIRK, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	Baptized	Rec. by Let'r.	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Dismissed	Whites	Blacks	Total	Ministers	Copies of Minutes	Contributions	Time of Meeting.
NewProvidence,	S. H. Thompson, M. Jackson	Amite	Liberty	8	4	4			3	77	38	115		25	$ 10 00	4th
Ebenezer	J. S. McCoy, M. Chance	Amite	"	1	3	16		6	1	80	67	147		40	12 20	3rd
East Fork	A. J. Everett, H. G. Quin	Amite		2	12			3	2	119	34	153	1	30	20 00	2nd
Zion Hill	M. Jones	Amite	Zion Hill	10	2	9		2		133	50	183		40	23 00	
Shiloh	No Delegation	Wilkinson.														
Galilee	T. M. Mercer, S. Jackson	Amite	Centreville			3		3	2	77	41	118		40	15 00	1st
Hopewell	No Delegation	Franklin														
Mars Hill	J. A. Jenkins	Amite	Smithdale	7	4				3	90	12	102		20	20 00	3rd
Friendship	J. Curtis, Z. Reeves, Jr.	Pike	Summit	2		5	1	2	6	43	6	49		12	5 00	5th
Ramah	E. L. Dickey	Franklin	B'g'eChitto	4				2	9	21	5	26		10	3 00	1st
Jackson	Letter	E.Feliciana	Jackson	15	2	2		1		60		60		50	18 50	
Mt. Pleasant	J. Hart, R. A. Hart	Pike	B'g'eChitto	29	9	2	2	1	2	63	15	84		40	10 00	4th
Liberty	M. S. Shirk. W. Z. Lea, J. E. Lea	Amite	Liberty			5	2	3	4	157	50	207	2	25	15 00	1st & 3rd
Mt. Zion	H. S. Anderson, D. B. Cain, J. M. Cloy	Franklin	Meadville	8	7	4		4	6	175	39	214		30	25 00	4th
Friendship	J. E. Byrd, W. Case	"	Brookh'ven	10	5	1		5	2	53	8	61		25	5 00	3rd
Spring Hill	J. P. Claughton	"	Knoxville			1				34	13	47		20	7 00	3rd
Mt. Zion	H. A. Davis	Copiah	Brookh'v'n	10	2	3				107	12	119		40	10 00	4th
Bogue Chitto	M. J. Coney, J. Walker	Pike	Holm'sville	3	1	3		2		95	28	123		35	10 00	1st
Mt. Moriah	J. Hall, W. Gill	Pike	Brookh'v'n	6	3	2	1	1	1	65	6	71		30	10 00	3rd
Sarepta	J. W. Cobb	Franklin	Meadville	13	12	9		5	6	49	7	56		20	5 00	
Macedonia	W. Stovall, E. Applewhite	Copiah	Brookh'ven					2	3	60	7	67	1	25	5 00	
Shady Grove	J. J. Reeves, B McCullough	Pike	Summit		1	1		1		57	9	66		25	8 00	3rd
Holmesville	D. H. Quin, D. C Walker	Pike	Holm'sville							22	6	28		20	3 00	2nd
Union	W. S. P. Claughton, J. Wharton	Franklin	Hamburg	5	4	10			2	68	42	110		50	15 00	4th
Damascus	J. F. Porter, A. Arnold	Franklin	McCall'sCk	14		3		1	6	61	3	64		15	5 00	4th
Summit	J. R. Graves, R. W. Williams	Pike	Summit	2		8			5			94	1	40	20 00	
Mt. Vernon	Samuel Prestridge	Lawrence	B'g'eChitto							36		36		20	7 00	2nd

Percy's Creek, St. Helena, Woodville, Fort Adams, Cold Springs and Pioneer Churches, not represented.